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TITLE: "COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY APPARATUS"

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO THE MAY 9, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME		
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Applicant and his counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, but believe the claims as originally filed are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the May 9, 2002 Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fujita et al. Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita et al., further in view of Gordon.

In substantiating the anticipation rejection based on Fujita et al., the Examiner cited the passage at column 14, lines 1-5 of the Fujita et al. reference as allegedly teaching that the support plate is non-displaceably mounted cantilevered to the carrier. Applicant respectfully submits that this language explicitly states exactly the opposite, and it is clear that the support plate in the Fujita et al. reference is, and